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Hi I'm Knight

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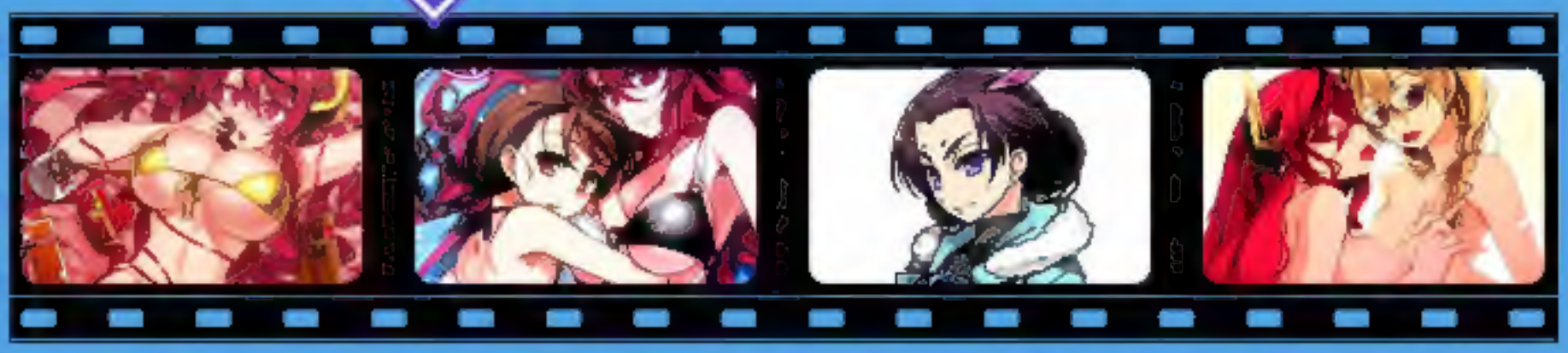

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「この我のものとなれ、勇者よ」「断る！」

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HERO...

FEMALE KNIGHT...

IS THIS HAPPENING?

WHY...

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魔王勇者

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IT'S YOU...

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Hero

Young man who accompanies Demon Queen. Called himself "Black Knight" as the Demon Queen's representative in the Underground World, but he reveals his true identity to the chiefs after the assassination attempt on Demon Queen. Currently in battle against Sealed King, and is attacked by the Holy Key Legionnaires.

Female Knight

Member of Hero's old party. Knows Demon Queen's identity and works with her. At war with the Blue Demon Army as the Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Kingdom Armies.

Blue Sealed King

Chief of the Blue Demon clan

Ogre's Princess Shrine Maiden

Chief of the Ogre clan

Lone Winter King

Young king of the Winter Kingdom. Like the Iron and Ice kingdoms, he claims independence from the Central Kingdom. He decided to from the Southern Union.

Tattooed Chief

Chief of the Humanoid clan

Fire Dragon Archduke

Chief of the Dragon clan

Old man

Member of Hero's old party. Acts as a spy serving the Lone Winter King as his butler.

Fairy Queen

Chief of the Fairy clan

Blue Steel General

Chief of the Machine Clan

Musician apprentice

Girl from the Forest Song Tribe who received the teachings of Crimson Scholar. She's travelling together with Elder Sister Maid, whom she met during her journey.

Giant Count

Chief of the Giant clan

Silver Tiger Duke

Chief of the Beast Fang clan

Engineer apprentice

Young man from the Ogre Tribe who received the teachings of Crimson Scholar. Currently constructing a bridge at The Great Hole.

Demon Queen

Aims to revolutionise the world with what she learnt in the Outer Library. Having recovered from injuries sustained after an attacks by assassins, she joins the war against the Blue Demon Clan on the surface world leading the Beast Fang Clan.

HeadMaid

Demon Queen's trusted aide having taken care of her since was young. She serves the Demon Queen to fulfil her dreams and happiness.

Younger Sister Maid

Young girl who worked at the Demon Queen's mansion. Currently pursuing the legend of the Light Spirit, away from her master.

Elder Sister Maid

Maid working at the Demon Queen's mansion. A developing glutton after learning of the world of cooking. Currently training in the Iron Kingdom.

Royal Prince Marshall

Younger brother of the king of the holy kingdom, and aims to be a hero of the human realm. Commander of the Third Holy Key Legionnaires.

East Fortress General

Former officer of the Holy Key Legionnaires. Was once a citizen of Gateway City, now part of the Demon Council as the leader of the Gateway Clan.

Lily Knight Brigade Captain

Commander of the Lily Knight Brigade, who serves the Archbishop. Swears absolute loyalty to the teachings of the Holy Light Church and the Archbishop.

Archbishop

Head of the Holy Light Church that worships the Light Spirit. Assembled the Third Holy Key Legionnaires to locate the Sacred Corpse.

Fire Dragon Princess

Fire Dragon Archduke's daughter. Demon representative of Gateway City, currently maintaining the highways in the Underground World.

Young Merchant

Manages the largest economic organised 'union' in the human realm. Trying to reform the economic side of things given the changes happening the world around him.

THEY FELL!!

WE DID IT!?

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JUST WHAT KIND OF SPELL CAN FREEZE A DEMON LIKE THAT...?

WITH 250 HIGH-LEVEL PRIESTS CHANTING...

NO KIND OF DEMON CAN ESCAPE!!

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OAH

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THEY'RE JUST LEAD BALLS, BUT THEY BURN...

WHAT IS THIS?

THESE WOUNDS ARE SERIOUS...

LEAD BULLETS..

IS THIS WHAT DEMON QUEEN TALKED ABOUT?

KU

COUGH

THEY WENT RIGHT THROUGH MY BLACK KNIGHT ARMOR..

WERE THEY STRENGTHENED BY MAGIC?

ANYWAYS, I NEED TO HEAL...

!

!?

!!

!!

DEMON SCUMS!

DIE!!

WHAT ..?

MY MAGIC..

ENEMY OF MANKIND!

!!

!!

DEMON SCUMS!

GO TO HELL!!

Do so...

And you will not lose strength...

Lay siege to the profane...

And rebuff their curses...

WITH PLEASURE

DO WHAT YOU MUST TO FINISH THOSE TWO.

YOU..

BY THE WILL OF THE LIGHT ..

STAIN THE GRASS RED, DOWN TO THE ROOTS.

.....

SINCE WHEN DID THE ENEMY ...?

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

ﾌｨｭｰ...

CALVARY, PREPARE TO MOVE!

SIR!?

DEFEND THIS PLACE TO THE DEATH!

LIEU-TENANT!

DELEGATE THESE ORDERS TO ALL OUR INFANTRY UNITS!!

IT'S NOT A MATTER OF NJMBERS

DEFENSE IS IMPOS-SIBLE!

BUT WE'VE ONLY 100 CAVALIERS STATIONED HERE!

SIR!

STRIKE THE ENEMIES IN THE REAR!

CAVALRY, FOLLOW ME!

IT'S JUST AS THE CRIMSON SCHOLAR SAID

BUT THEY SHOULDN'T BE IN USE YET...

SO MUCH SMOKE...

WHAT ARE THOSE WEAPONS?

WHAT!? THAT ARMY...

ARE ATTACKING BLUE DEMONS, BEAST FANGS, AND SOUTHERN ARMY ALIKE

I REQUESTED THE ENGINEERS OF THE STEEL COUNTRYTO MAKE A TRIAL VERSION

BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D BE PUT INTO EFFECT YET

LONG-RANGE WEAPONS THAT SHOOT LEAD BULLETS USING BLACK FIRE-POWDER...

MUS ..

MUSKETS

ドオオン ドオオン…

BUT HOW CAN... THERE BE SO MANY..?

THERE!

THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY..

THERE ARE TOO MANY...

WHATEVER

FIRE!!

NO, DEMONS?

HUMANS?

!!

SILVER TIGER DUKE!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I PROMISED I WOULDN'T DIE UNTIL I SAVED THE DEMON QUEEN'S LIFE AT LEAST THRICE!

Geh

So much a bud

ARE YOU OK?

PROB-ABLY NOT...

WE SHOULD RETREAT AT ONCE.

LET'S GO!

!

THOSE PIPE-THINGS ARE STRANGER THAN ANYTHING THE BLUE DEMONS CAME UP WITH.

WE'RE COMPLETELY OUTMATCHED.

ゴ!!

WHAT ARE... YOU DOING HERE ...?

I WAS DOING RECON-NAISSANCE AMONG THE BLUE DEMONS...

OH!

YOU'RE AWAKE NOW!

OLD MAN...

...

OLD MAN...

YOU'RE INJURED!

NOTHING SERIOUS

IT'S NOT HARD TO SENSE THE MURDEROUS INTENT BEHIND THOSE WEAPONS.

COUGH

DOWN TO MY WOUNDS

CRAP..

I'M STILL CURSED..

WA.T... I'LL HEAL YOU...

I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...

NOR MUST YOU TAKE...

THEIR HATED OR THEIR CURSE.

HERO, YOU..

MUSTN'T TAKE THOSE BULLETS.

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ns...

sss...

I'D BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO KILL HIM...

AND NOW I'M NOT ABLE...

REALLY?

SO THIS IS THE GUY WHO WAS FIGHTING IN THE SKY

DON'T GLARE LIKE THAT

WE WATCHED YOUR FIGHT FROM THE GROUND

HE'S FULL OF HOLES.

PLEASE..

EVEN IF ONLY HIM..

HEY, OLD MAN

WANT US TO HELP?

OLD MAN.

IS THIS FINE WITH YOU?

OF COURSE

ALRIGHT

DROWN HIM IN BOOZE AND BANDAGE HIM UP

EK

Wo,,...

RAGE

MY RAGE...

HU...

MA...

NG...

I DONT KNOW SHIT...

ABOUT IT.

KNOW IT...

THROUGH PAIN...

THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE FROM THE CENTRAL CHURCH AND NOBLEMEN'S ARMY.

CAPTAIN.

CAVALIERS, AND SOLDIERS CARRYING THOSE WEIRD PIPE-THINGS ..

HAVE ENTERED THE FOREST.

?

WHAT BROUGHT THAT ON?

HEY BUDDY.

HAS ANYONE EVER SAID "THANK YOU" TO YOU AFTER YOU RESCUED THEM?

..IS THAT SO?

BUT YEAH, A LOT.

I DON'T REMEMBER THEM ALL.

LOTS OF TIMES.

ANSWER THE QUESTION.

YEAH.

?

EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONCE, I STILL WIN.

HEH. CAN'T SAY I'M...

JEALOUS.

!!!

SURE, BOSS

YOU TAKE THEM TO OUR TRICKY FRIEND

GOT IT?

HEY

PUT THESE 2 ON HORSES.

MOVE OUT!

YOU BRAINLESS CRETINS!

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YOU'RE THE HERO...

THE "SAV.OR", RIGHT?

YOU SAVED ME WHEN I WAS A KID...

SHUT UP!

THEY'LL DIE!

HEY!

STOP THEM!

GREAT MEN...

CHOOSE WHEN AND WHERE THEY DIE..

INVISIBLE SPEARS!

INVISIBLE SPEARS!

WHAT THE...!

UWAA AHH!

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NOT DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN US AND THE DEMONS!

THEY'RE ARMED WITH STRANGE WEAPONS AND ARE ATTACKING EVERYONE!

ドオン…

GENERAL KNIGHT!

THE ENEMY IS THE HOLY LIGHT CHURCH!!

10,000?

THEY ARE AT LEAST 10,000 MEN.

ドオン

YES MA'AM

!

PULL BACK OUT FRONT LINE!

THIS IS NOT AS PLANNED, BUT LET'S INITIATE OUR STRATEGY!

RELEASE 3 SIGNAL FIRES!

THE TARGET CHANGED A BIT...

BUT I'LL TAKE ON THE BLJE DEMONS AND THE CHURCH.

RELEASE ALL THE DAMS!!

UNDER-STOOD!!

3 SIGNAL FIRES!!

OUR MISSION IS COMPLETED ..

RETAINER

GENERAL KNIGHT ...

GOOD

IT'S FLOATING ON THE WATER.

HOW'S THE MIXTURE

PLEASE BE SAFE..

Sir!

WITHDRAW AT ONCE!

WITHDRAW AND RE-GROUP!

YOU FILTHY HUMANS...!

HOLY KINGDOM... HOLY LIGHT CHURCH...

YOU DARE BETRAY US?

WHERE'S THIS EXTRA WATER COMING FROM?

WHAT THE...?

THERE'S SOMETHING FLOATING IN THE WATER...

SOME BLACK...

...OIL!?

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パ…パパ…

ヒヒィーン

WE COULDN'T CONFIRM THE BLUE DEMONS' FORMATIONS, SINCE THE RANGE WAS SO WIDE..

THIS HELPED WITH OUR RETREAT...

A MAZE OF FIRE FORMED ON THE WATER PATHS...

WE ONLY TOOK DOWN THE ADVANCE TROOPS...

THE CHURCH'S MAIN ARMY IS STILL IN THE REAR.

NOT YET

SO THIS IS A VICTORY FOR US...

RIGHT..?

HURRY!

TEND TO THE WOUNDED!

YES MA'AM!

HOWEVER...

IT'S POSS BLE WITHIN THE T,ME WE'VE BEEN GIVEN TO ESCAPE.

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...

I'M GONNA...

DAMM.T HUMAN BAS-TARDS!!

IDIOT

NOT THERE..

YES!

I HIT IT!

LOOK..

AH

A TRAP... FROM THE 3 COUNTRIES?

HMMM...

INCLUDING 5 VILLAGES IN EACH DIRECTION...

THE FIRE COVERS ALMOST ALL OF THE EASTERN PART OF THE SWAMP...

REPORT'S COME IN!

I WOULD GUESS THEY POURED A SPECIAL OIL NTO THE WATERFLOW.

BUT I'M CJRIOUS AS TO WHAT'S IN IT THAT MAKES IT "SPECIAL."

OUR ADVANCE TROOPS COULDN'T ESCAPE THE DESTRUC-TION!!

BJT HOW D D THEY ..?

YES

UNDER-STOOD

WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO DESTROY THE 3 COUNTRIES' COMMERCE

WITHDRAW OUR SURVIVING TROOPS.

SIR, ARE YOU SURE?

THE MAIN ARMY WILL HEAD FOR THE WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY...

AND SECURE THE .NVADERS' GATE.

I UNDER-
STAND...

I UNDER-
STAND...

FOR
PROGRESS

WHY HAS
EVERYTHING
BECOME
LIKE THIS?

I UNDER-
STAND...

FOR PROGRESS?

BUT SO MANY PEOPLE DIED!

HOW CAN YOU JUST ACCEPT THAT?

SORCERESS

End Chapter 38
Muskets

• NOTE: Well, after taking a while to decide on this issue we decided to use "Sorceress" instead of "Magician" or "Mage" which former translation group had been using for ages. Hope you like this name too ^_^

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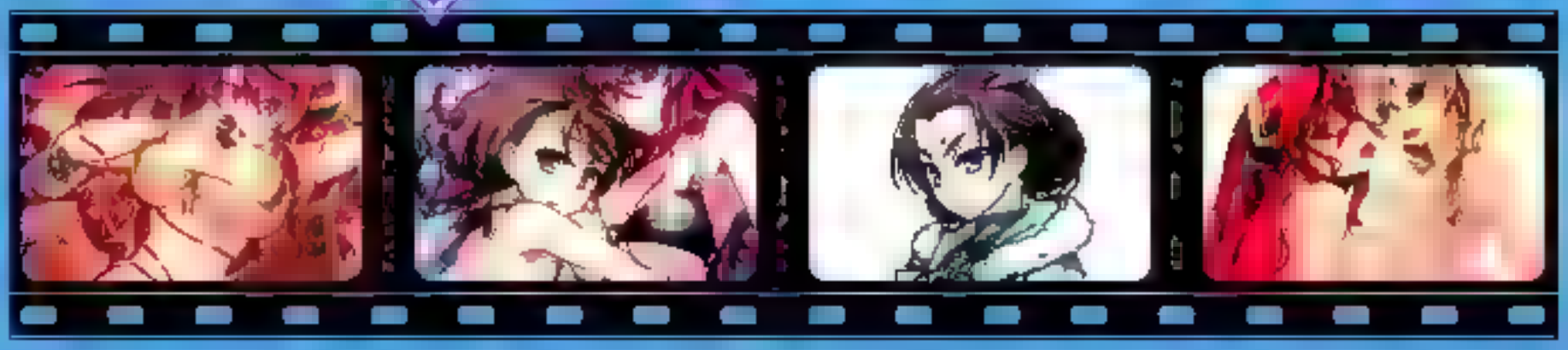

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UNFULFILLED DREAMS

HOW COULD THIS...

HOW...

THEN A DIFFERENCE IN SPEED WILL OCCUR WITHIN THE CONCEPTUAL LEVEL

IF THE AMOUNT OF VECTORS WITHIN THE MULTIPLE LAYERS VARY

THERE ARE 2 DIFFERENT PRESENCES

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THEIR CONNECTION WILL FORM A CURVE ACCORDING TO THEIR RELATIVE DIFFERENCE IN SPEED

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AND AS THOSE 2 PRESENCES APPROACH AND AFFECT EACH OTHER

AND EXPRESSING THIS PROSA.- CALLY MARKS A CHANGE .N THE TIMES

THE FRICT.ON FROM SUCH A CHANGE DEMANDS BLOOD

THIS REVOLUTION WILL TURN ON A BLOOD-SOAKED CORNER

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YOU SHOULD SAVE THEM IN YOUR OWN WAY

IF THERE IS A WAY TO AVOID BLOODSHED
I CANNOT SEE .T
IT IS NOT THE BLOOD OF THE FLESH, BUT OF THE SPIRIT— OF THE SOUL— THAT WILL BE SPILLED
THERE ISN'T

?

AT TIMES, I CAN SEE INDIV.DUALS WHO WILL BLEED N PLACE OF MANY

WILL BLEED .N PLACE OF TENS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS

THESE INDIV.DUALS

AND PAY THE NECESSARY BLOOD TR.BUTE FOR THE REVOLUTION

HOWEVER

THE WORLD WILL CONTINUE ITS CYCLE

THE BLOOD REQUIRED BY THE ERA SHALL BE CONCEALED BY THEIR "S.NGULAR.TY"

AND AS IF THERE WERE NO SACRIFICE AT ALL,

THEY WHO MUST FALL IN BATTLE

WHOSE DEATHS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE NEW AGE

THEY ARE SCRAMBLING TO DEFY THE ERA...TO DEFY THE WORLD

YOU CAN'T MEAN..

ARE YOU TRULY WILLING TO WATCH THEM TURN INTO A SEA OF BLOOD?

BLOOD

ALL THIS BLOOD

THAT IS ONE SIDE OF THE TRUTH

YOU ARE ALSO SAVED BY THAT SEA OF BLOOD

R.DING .N A SHIP UPON IT

BUT DO NOT FORGET

THAT YOU ARE IN THE SAME BOAT AS I

EVEN SO...

EVEN SO...

LET'S GO

THIS LIBRARY DOESN'T SUIT YOU AFTER ALL

IN THAT CASE

YOU SHOULD SAVE THEM IN YOUR OWN WAY

GYAA

AH

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Or talk anymore

They won't laugh anymore

So many...

Dead

So many

Dead

A A A A A A

TRYING TO PROTECT ME
TO PROTECT EACH OTHER
THEY ALL RUSHED INTO THAT STORM OF BULLETS

THEY WERE MY COMRADES!
ALL OF US CAME THIS FAR TOGETHER

Why couldn't I...
Why couldn't I protect them...?
RETAINER

THERE ARE STILL MANY PEOPLE THAT NEED YOUR PROTECTION

IN THE IRON KINGDOM

RETAINER

LET'S GO HOME

YOU'RE RIGHT

YES

LET'S WIN AND LAUGH

LET'S WIN NEXT TIME

RETAINER

AS A WARRIOR, I SHOULDN'T ACT THAT SHAMEFUL IN FRONT OF YOU..

NOT AT ALL

DEMON
QUEEN

HERO

ME
TOO

I OUT-
RIGHT
LOST

I DON'T GET IT

HOW D.D WE LOSE

AND HOW D D THEY WIN

YEAH

I HEARD ABOUT THE BLACK POWDER

THAT'S RIGHT

WE WENT THROUGH HELL

I'M SORRY

IT'S MY FAULT

WHILE FIGHTING, I WONDERED

FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS ALL THAT BLOOD SPILLED?

I ALSO LOST

POORLY

IT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED

IF I'D BEEN MORE CAUTIOUS,

THE THOUSANDS WHO DIED TODAY

COULD'VE BEEN SPARED...

IS WHAT WE OBTAINED WORTH THE PRICE OF ALL THOSE DEADS?

OR WAS IT JUST USELESS SACRIFICES?

YES?

WHAT IS IT?

DEMON QUEEN

FEMALE KNIGHT

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU

I CAN GO ANYWHERE

BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN ORDERED TO GO ANYWHERE

THE WORLD IS SPREAD VAST IN EVERY DIRECTION

BUT I ONLY KNOW THE ROADS I'VE WALKED SO FAR

WALKING IN A FIELD, OVER GRASS WET WITH MORNING DEW

A ROSE-COLORED SKY AT DAWN

WHAT'S BEYOND THOSE HILLS?

HAVEN'T YOU EVER WONDERED?

IT MAY NOT BE MORNING DEW, BJT BLOOD

AFTER ALL I WANT TO SEE WHAT I'VE NEVER SEEN

ANYWAYS I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE TO GO

MAYBE

I'M ASHAMED TO SAY, BJT I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO TRAVEL ALONE

WON'T YOU COME WITH ME

BUT UM...

チラ…

WELL?

BESIDES, WHEN I STAND UPON THOSE HILLS

I'D RATHER HAVE A FRIEND WITH ME

IT'S NOT AS FUN ALONE

YOU'RE STILL MINE, HERO

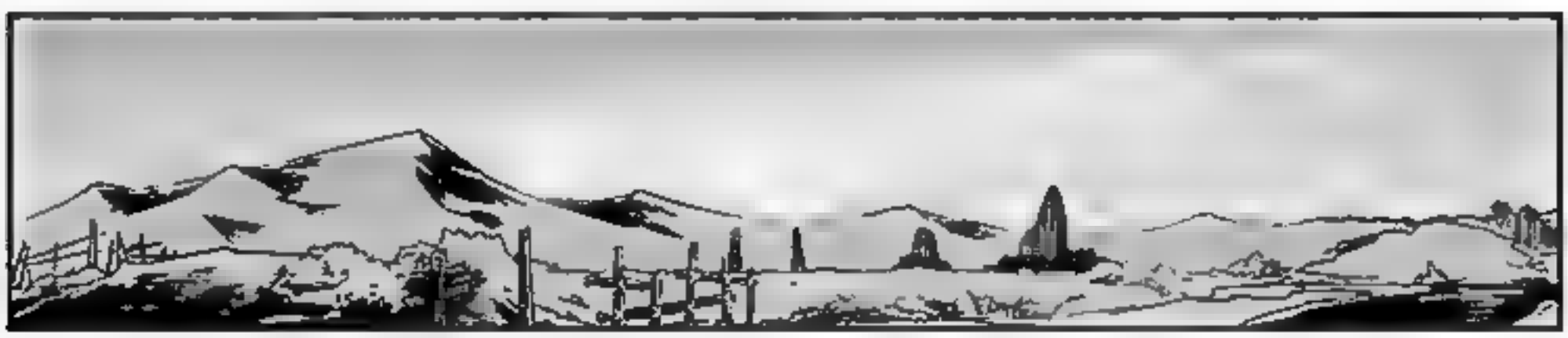
IT'S NEGLECT IF I LEAVE YOU

I'M IN CHARGE OF YOU

VERY WELL

YES

I'LL NEVER KNOW IF I STAY



DEATHS

LIKE GRAINS OF SAND ON A BEACH

INNUMERABLE

YEAH

I SAW

DID YOU SEE IT TOO, MINSTREL?

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AND KEEP RECORDS BY DOING SO

WE'RE DESCENDANTS OF THE ANCIENT ALFAR*

I'M FROM THE FOREST SINGER CLAN

WE SING SONGS AND TELL STORIES

NOT SURPRISED?

I GUESS YOU ALREADY KNEW

BUT IN THE END, YOU'RE STILL A MINSTREL

THOUGH THOUSANDS OF YEARS MAY COME AND GO, WE ARE THE DEMON CLAN THAT WILL NEVER FORGET

I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT

*Alfr (plural Alfar) is a word from old Norse language. Its descendant is the word "elf" in modern English.

THIS ERA REQLIRE BLOOD?

PEOPLE CAN'T BE SAVED IF SOMEONE DOESN'T BLEED?

FRANKLY

IT WAS DECIDED LONG AGO

I MJST GO

MY PATH IS DECIDED

EVEN IF IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED

I CAN'T ACCEPT .T

I WON'T LET BLOODSHED BE THE PRICE

I'LL PAY FOR IT IN SONGS

My feelings

My song

It will be my voice

and something catches your ears and makes you look up in surprise

If you ever happen to be at a cross-roads

The Forest Singer Clan will always be your friend

Your own path

I will be praying that you find

I, THE IRON FIST KING, REJOICE AT YOUR RETURN MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE

YOU HAVE DONE WELL

MY BRAVE SOLDIERS!

OH CITIZENS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM TSURUBO FIELD

IRON KINGDOM CENTRAL SQUARE

THE INVADERS WERE REPELLED

AND WE STILL STAND ON THE LANDS OF OUR FOREFATHERS!

WE GAINED VICTORY AT THE BATTLE OF TSURUBO FIELD

THE 2,000 WHO FELL IN BATTLE WILL SADLY NOT RETURN

BUT I HEREBY DECLARE

THAT WE CAN DEFEND OUR HOME

THEY KNOW IN THEIR HEARTS

WITH THIS BATTLE, THE WAR AGAINST THE BLUE DEMONS HAS ENDED

THE CENTRAL KINGDOMS HAVE UNIFIED THEIR ARMIES

AN EXPEDITIONARY LEGION FROM THE HOLY LIGHT CHURCH MASSACRED OUR TROOPS INDISCRIMINATELY

HOWEVER

A GREAT TRAGEDY OCCURRED DURING THE BATTLE

FOR THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY WE ALWAYS DESIRE

FOR OUR COUNTRY-MEN WHOM WE MUST PROTECT

IT IS FOR OUR LAND

I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER

FOR WHAT REASON WE SPILLED OUR BLOOD

That's right!

WE WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH TO PROTECT OUR HOME!

AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD INVADE OUR LANDS

WISH FOR YOU, OUR PEOPLE, TO KNOW OUR DECISIONS, NO MATTER HOW UNBEARABLE THEY MAY SEEM

WE, YOUR LEADERS, IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR LANDS AND OUR RICHES,

HOWEVER

IF SUCH A NEED ARISES, WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO JOIN HANDS WITH OLD ENEMIES

WE HAVE DISCOVERED A VACCINE FOR IT!

"SMALLPOX", ALSO CALLED "SPOTTED PLAGUE" AND "RED PLAGUE"

WHICH CLAIMED COUNTLESS LIVES

THAT TERRIBLE DISEASE

BUT DON'T WORRY

WE STILL HAVE GOOD NEWS

WE DON'T HAVE A SINGLE VACCINE VILLAGE NOW!

I ALREADY GOT INOCULATED

REALLY!

WHA

REALLY?

IS A GIFT OF THE SPIRITS... A SIGN OF GRACE

THAT THEY CAN BRING THIS LIFE-SAVING MEDICINE TO US

THIS CURE WAS FOUND BY KNOWLEDGEABLE SCHOLARS

TRAVELLING IN THE DEMON WORLD

AND OUR LAKESIDE CONVENT, WHO DEVELOPED THE MED.CINE TO PROTECT US FROM SMALLPOX

THE HOLY LIGHT CHURCH, AND THEIR FIRE-BREATHING DEATH STICKS

I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

BJT WH.LE BELIEVING IN THE SPIRIT OF L.GHT

WE HAVE EVEN BIGGER NEWS TO SHARE

AND TO YOU, DEAR CITIZENS

AND INTEND TO CARRY OUT THESE POLICIES FOR AS LONG AS WE CAN

WE, THE HEADS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES, SEEK PEACE AND PROSPERITY

AND ESTABLISHING A NEW COALITION WHICH CARRIES THE IDEALS OF THE ALLIANCE

AS OF TODAY, WE ARE OFFICIALLY DISSOLVING THE 3-COUNTRY TRADE ALLIANCE

OUR 7 INDEPENDENT STATES RESONATE THE ALLIANCE'S PHILOSOPHY OF FREE TRADE

WE HAVE TAKEN OUR FIRST STEP AS A COOPERATION WITH THE GOAL OF ENDING SERFDOM

LAKE COUNTRY

RED HORSE COUNTRY

REED COUNTRY

TREETOP COUNTRY

THE LAKE COUNTRY

THE TREETOP COUNTRY

THE REED COUNTRY

AND THE RED HORSE COUNTRY

FOR THE SAKE OF PLANTING OUR ROOTS

AND REACHING FOR TOMORROW, TOGETHER

THE TIME TO SET SAIL ON A NEW SHIP HAS COME!

WE ARE NO LONGER THE THREE COUNTRIES

THE TIME WHEN WE MUST GRIT OUR TEETH AND SUFFER IN SOLITUDE HAS ENDED

EMPATHY

HARD WORK

FELLOW-SHIP,

AS PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND THE MEANINGS OF LOVE FOR HOMELAND,

AND ABOVE ALL, LOVE OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE

I HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISH-MENT OF THE "SOUTHERN UNION"

SOUTHERN UNION!

"Lone Wolf" "Iron Fist" "Winter King" "Snow Queen"

IT'S NOT HERESY ANYMORE

WE'RE ALL ALLIES NOW!

SOUTHERN UNION?

YEAH, SOUTHERN UNION!

LONG LIVE THE SOUTHERN UNION!

WE HAVE A FOOTHOLD INTO THE GATE OF THE DEMON WORLD

WHICH MEANS

WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY

GATE

WE'VE RECLAIMED THE WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY, AS PLANNED

WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY ROYAL PALACE

DID THE BLUE DEMONS EXECUTE THEM ALL?

BUT WE DIDN'T PLAN ON THE WHITE NIGHT CITIZENS TO BE MISSING FROM HERE

MUCH OF THE BLUE DEMONS' POWER WAS ANNIHILATED AT TSURUBO FIELD

AND THEIR WEAKENED DEFENSE HERE WAS PART OF OUR PLAN AS WELL

SO SOMEONE GOT HER FIRST

ACCORDING TO A SURVIVING BLUE DEMON WE QUESTIONED, THE CITIZENS WERE ENSLAVED

BUT RESCUED AND LIBERATED BY A HUMAN ARMY

YES

PERHAPS BUT WE HAVE A BIGGER PROBLEM

THE WHITE NIGHT ARMY SURVIVES

WE'RE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING WHY THERE'S LESS THAN HALF OF THE SALTPETER THAT THE BLUE DEMONS WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING

LAKE COUNTRY CAPITAL
STRATEGIC HQ OF THE "UNION"

OH, SIR!

WHEN DID YOU RETURN?

JUST NOW I LEFT THE GATE CITY IN GOOD HANDS

NOW THEN

THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

Yes sir

Please have some superb food and sweets prepared for us

AH

SHE BROUGHT ME HERE

AND WHO MIGHT THIS BE . ?

..MUSKETS

NEW WEAPON?

THE CENTRAL'S NEW WEAPON WAS PUT INTO USE

HERE'S AN OUTLINE OF THE CLASH BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN KINGDOMS AND THE CENTRAL EXPEDITION

MAY I ASK FOR A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT?

YES

!?

YOU SAW... THE WAR?

I SAW THEM

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

HOLY KEY

BLUE DEMONS

THE HOLY KEY LEGIONNAIRES ATTACKED FROM BEHIND

AND OVER-POWERED BOTH ARMIES

SOUTHERN

THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM ARMY, WHICH HAD POSI-TIONED ITSELF IN TSURUBO FIELD,

HAD ENTERED A DEADLOCK WITH THE BLUE DEMONS FROM THE WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY BY MIDDAY

AND 6,000 HOLY KEY LEGIONNAIRES DIED AS WELL

ROUGHLY 3,000 SOUTHERN SOLDIERS

ABOUT 20,000 BLUE DEMONS WERE ANNIHILATED IN THE BATTLE

I SPECULATE THAT THE HOLY KEY LEGIONNAIRES LOST 1% OF PARTICIPATING SOLDIERS, AND NO MORE THAN 3% OF THEIR TOTAL FORCES

SOUTHERN

HOLY KEY

FROM A PERCENTAGE POINT OF VIEW

THE SOUTHERN ARMY LOST 30% OF PARTICIPATING SOLDIERS, 12% OF ITS TOTAL FORCES

I WOULDN'T SAY THAT

SO THE SOUTHERN KINGDOMS ARE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE...

IGNORING THE R TRAINEES,

THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE HOLY KEY LEGION IS OVER 200,000

NOT CONQUEST OF THE SOUTHERN KINGDOMS

THE HOLY KEY LEGION'S PRIMARY GOAL IS INVASION OF THE DEMON WORLD

GATE

FIRST OF ALL

AND THERE ARE TWO REASONS WHY

TREETOP COUNTRY

AND RED HORSE COUNTRY

CENTRAL HOLY KINGDOM

REED COUNTRY

THEN THE LAKE COUNTRY

COMBINED TO FORM THE "SOUTHERN UNION", A FREE-TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE 7 INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES

SOUTHERN UNION

THE OTHER REASON?

JUST AFTER THE BATTLE, THE 3 COUNTRY SOUTHERN TRADE ALLIANCE WAS ANNULLED

IT TAKES AWAY FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES' DEFENSES

BUT IF THEY'RE DEPLOYING THAT MANY TROOPS

CERTAINLY BRING AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF POWER TO THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE

200,000 MOBILIZED TROOPS

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

MIGHT DEVASTATE THE DEFENSELESS CENTRAL COUNTRIES

THE SOUTHERN COUNTRIES CLOSEST TO THE CENTRAL REGION

IF THE HOLY KEY LEGION WERE TO ATTACK THE SOUTHERN UNION NOW

THE BIRTH OF THE "SOUTHERN UNION" HAS GOOD TIMING

BY GIVING THE WEAPONS CALLED MUSKETS TO ITS PEOPLE

THE CENTRAL COUNTRIES WILL BE RUINED BY THE WRATH OF THE PEOPLE WHEN THEY TURN ON THEM

BY GIVING THE WEAPON CALLED FREEDOM TO ITS PEOPLE

THE SOUTHERN UNION WON'T LOSE THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT

BUT WHICHEVER WAY, WE MERCHANTS CAN WIN

IT COULD TURN EITHER WAY

THE MORE PLAYERS THERE ARE IN A BATTLE ROYAL, THE MORE OPPORTUNITIES THE MERCHANT HAS

YES SIR

BUT DO IT DISCREETLY

SET UP BARS AND BROTHELS NEAR THOSE 3 PLACES

YES

DID YOU FIND THE LOCATION OF THE CENTRAL'S SECRET METALWORKS FACTORY?

IT'S IN THE COPPER COUNTRY

THERE ARE 3 LOCATIONS IN TOTAL

ALSO AMMUNITION AND FOOD FOR 200,000 TROOPS

THEY NEED SPARE PARTS IN CASE OF MALFUNCTION

MUSKETS ARE MACHINES

FIND OUT HOW MANY MUSKETS THE HOLY LIGHT LEGION HAS

!

WE'LL TAKE HOLD OF THE FLOW OF THEIR SUPPLIES

BUT EVEN SUCH GREAT POWER HAS A WEAKNESS

TO MOVE SUCH A GIANT REQUIRES A GIANT STOMACH

THEY CAN EASILY BEST THE MILITARY PROWESS OF THE BLUE DEMONS AND THE SOUTHERN KINGDOMS

THE POWER OF THESE NEW WEAPONS, AND THE 200,000 SOLDIERS USING THEM ARE SO GREAT..

ABOUT 2 TO 3 TIMES AS MJCH CHARCOAL IS NEEDED

HOWEVER

TO MANUFACTJRE THE .RON

IT'S SPECU- LATED THAT A CONSIDERABLE STOCK OF .RON ORE IS .N THE HOLY KINGDOM

SO CONTROLLING THE AMOUNT OF CHARCOAL

ISN'T SO DIFFICULT

BJT THE TREETOP COUNTRY, WHO HAS THE MOST CHARCOAL NEAR THE HOLY KINGDOM

HAS JOINED THE SOUTHERN UNION

YES SIR

YES SIR

YES

START ON THESE AT ONCE

IT'S LIKELY BROUGHT IN BY SEA

REQUIRE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF FOOD TO FEED

THE 200,000 DEPLOYED TO THE WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY

WE CAN TAKE THAT MARGINAL PROFIT OF TRANSPORTING .T FROM A FREE-MARKET PORT TO THE WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO LATE IF NOT FOR YOUR HELP

I SHOULD GIVE YOU SOME-THING

ARE YOU DONE?

YES MORE OR LESS

I'LL HAVE SOME FOOD BROUGHT STRAIGHT AWAY

AND A GIFT TO HER

.....

WHY DID YOU HELP ME ANYWAY?

CONVE-NIENCE

SHE COULDN'T JOIN THOSE OF THE LIBRARY

A MERE HUMAN

THE HOLY KEY LEGION IS RESTRUCTURING ITSELF

THEY'RE GROWING LARGER BY BRINGING IN AND TRAINING MORE RECRUITS

MY FELLOW KINGS

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A COURT JESTER KNOWN AS THE NOBLE YOUNGSTER.

IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THEY'RE HEADING OUT TO SEA

A 2ND INVASION

. IT'S VERY POSSIBLE

WE CANNOT WIN AGAINST THEM EASILY

THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE AND MIGHT BETWEEN US AND THE HOLY KEY LEGION IS TOO GREAT

THE PEOPLE REFLECT THE FESTIVITY OF THE SOUTHERN UNION'S FORMATION. VIGOR AND STABILITY HAVE RETURNED

BUT IT WILL TAKE TIME TO FULLY HEAL THE SCARS OF WAR

BUT ONLY IF DISBANDED DURING SUCH DEVELOPMENT

WITHOUT ELEVAT NG THE PRESTIGE OF THE ARCHBISHOP, AND THUS THE CHURCH

IT IS AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE THAT CANNOT BE DEPLOYED

ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THIS LEGION

WAS FORMED AND DISPATCHED BY THE ARCHBISHOP HIMSELF

TO HEAL FROM THE WOUNDS OF WAR

WE NEED TIME

AND FOR THAT

WE MJST MAKE A DECISION

IRON FIST KING

WE REQUEST A MEETING WITH THEM

THE PUNITIVE DEMON FORCE THAT CAME HERE TO PURSUE THE BLUE DEMONS

THIS WAY PLEASE

HMPH

...

NO

THERE'S NO NEED

HEY

BRING SOME DRINKS

WELL SAID. WE APPRECIATE THAT

WE ARE ALSO SOLDIERS. WE CANNOT IGNORE OUR MANNERS

I AM THE EAST FORT GENERAL

A FORMER MERCENARY WITH THE HOLY KEY LEGIONNAIRES

NOW I'M ACTING AS CHIEF OF THE DEMON WORLDS' GATE GUARDIAN TRIBE

AND PUTTING TOGETHER AN AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEE IN THE OPEN GATE CITY

I WAS ASSIGNED AS GENERAL OF THE LEFT FOR OUR PLAN TO SUBDUE THE BLUE DEMONS

MY NAME IS SILVER TIGER

I AM CHIEF OF THE BEAST FANG CLAN, 1 OF THE 9 NOBLE CLANS OF THE DEMON WORLD

I AM ACTING AS GENERAL OF THE RIGHT IN THIS WAR

I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ROLE OF VICE-COMMANDER .N THE BATTLE OF TSURUBO FIELD

I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS RETAINER FROM THE IRON COUNTRY

FACT IS I AM BJT A SIMPLE SOLD.ER

HE WILL PART.C.PATE IN THIS MEETING AS THE UNION'S REPRESENTATIVE

AND THIS IS THE IRON FIST KING

K.NG OF THE IRON COUNTRY AND ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE SOUTHERN UNION

HMPH

WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU

FOR GRANT.NG JS PASSAGE SO WE MAY SUBDUE THEM

THOUGH THE BLJE DEMONS ARE FELLOW DEMONS, THEY'RE TRAITORS WHO TRIED TO K.LL OUR KING

FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR LENDING US THIS PLACE

WE SINCERELY APOLOGIZE.

THOUGH THE HUMAN WORLD HAS GOTTEN CAJGHT UP IN .T

THIS IS A DEMONS' POWER STRUGGLE

IRON FIST KING

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE STUBBORN

.....

I HEARD THE BEAST FANG TR BE ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY LOSSES .N THIS BATTLE

BUT THEY ARE HEROES OF THE BEAST FANGS

AND FELL WITH HONOR

CERTAINLY

THERE ARE THOSE WHO FELL TO THE INVADING HUMANS' STRANGE WEAPONS

THE ONLY SHAMEFUL BATTLE IS ONE THAT BETRAYS LOYALTY

SUCH AS THE BLUE DEMONS DID

IT IS ALWAYS REGRETTABLE TO FALL IN BATTLE

BUT IT IS NOT SHAMEFUL

IS IT NOT REGRETTABLE TO BE RIPPED APART BY HUMANS?

WE COULD FALL IN BATTLE ANYWHERE

WE ARE A WARRIOR CLAN

WE THINK ONLY OF CARRYING OURSELVES HONORABLY

BUT TO FALL IN A FOREIGN LAND

DOES IT NOT FEEL EMPTY?

DELIVER THE ALCOHOL AND SUPPLIES WE BROUGHT

I'M GOING BACK.

PLEASE SPEAK WITH THEM!

THAT'S RIGHT!

BUT WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE

WILL YOU NOT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY?

AND WARRIORS HAVE PROPRIETES

BUT THE IRON COUNTRY IS A WARRIOR COUNTRY

I STILL CANNOT SHAKE HANDS WITH A DEMON SO EASILY

YOU HAVE OUR THANKS

WE BOTH LOST MEN

USE THIS TIME TO SEND THEM DRINKS

YES SIR

LET'S GO

WHEN NEXT WE MEET, I WILL BE ABLE TO DRINK WITH NO ILL FEELINGS

I AWAIT THAT TIME

WARRIORS OF BEAST FANG! RAISE YOUR SPEARS IN REVERENCE

THE SOUL OF OUR CLAN HAS FOUND SOLACE

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WE SEARCHED THE SURROUNDING AREA, BUT...

HE APPEARS TO HAVE FLED

WHERE IS THE BLACK KNIGHT?

SHEER TENACITY IS A NUISANCE

WE'D HAVE CAPTURED HIM

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THOSE FILTHY MERCENARIES

HE IS MEDITATING IN THE INNER ROOM

AND THE HIGH PRIEST?

Fufu...

After waiting so long

I finally obtained it

Fufu fufu fu

...Fufu

Fufufu

An eternally fresh shine

This shine...

Filled with magical power

The sealed eyeballs...

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You Should Save Them In Your Own Way

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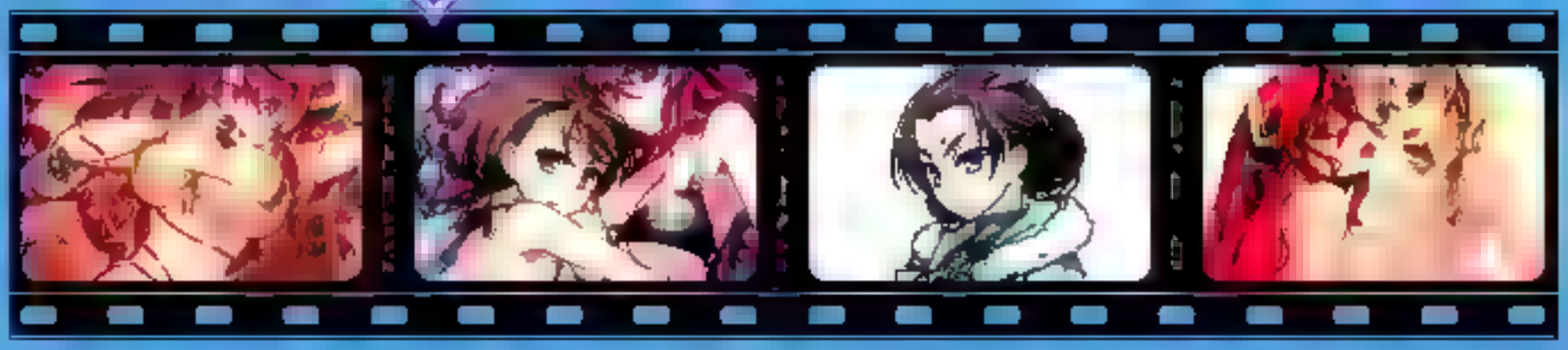

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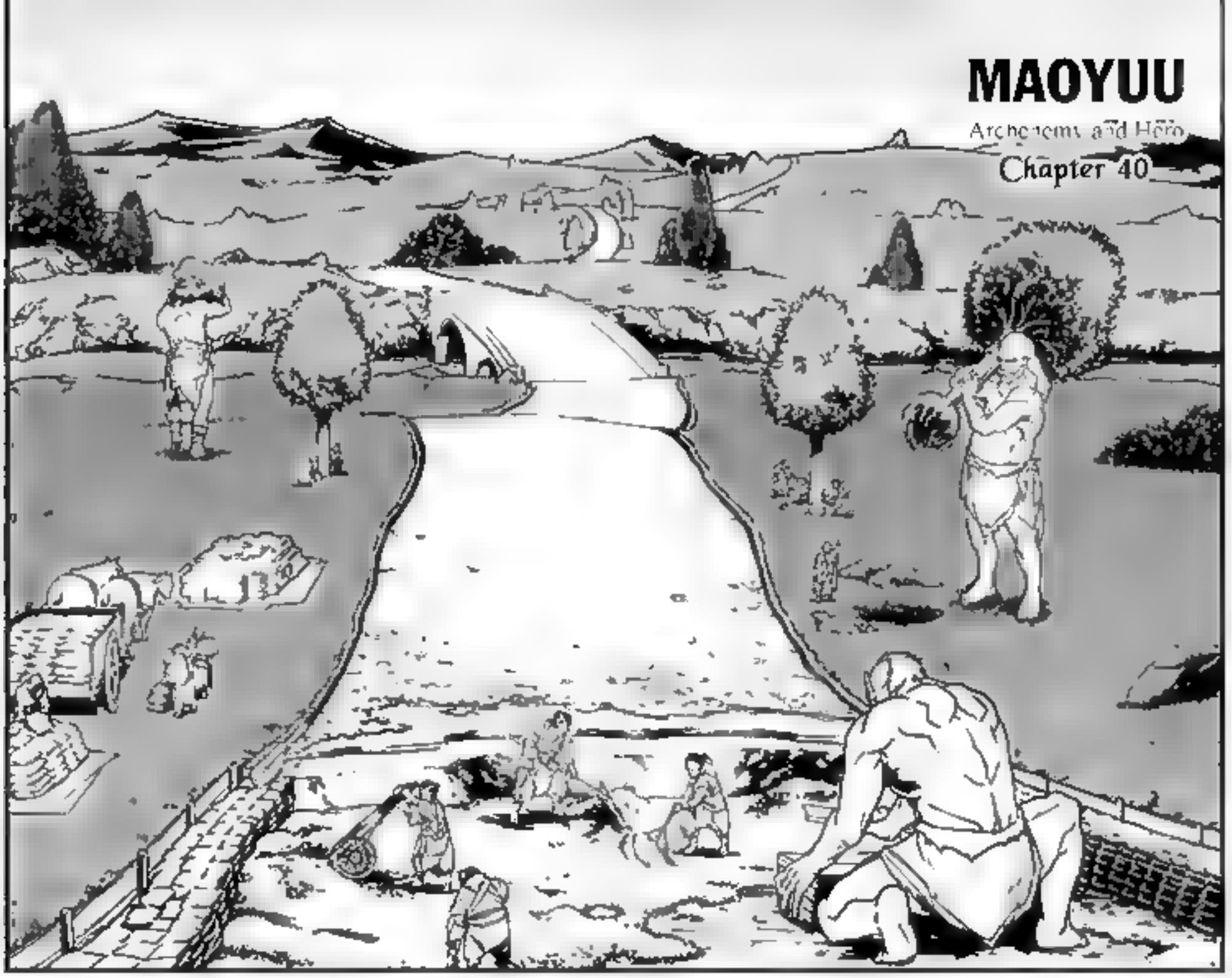

Chapter 40

WE REALLY CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE AFTER ALL

WE DELIVERED AS MUCH FOOD AS NEEDED FROM OUR CITY'S STOCK, BUT...

THE BLUE DEMON ARMY SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN THESE IN LARGE QUANTITIES WITH THEM.

FIRST OF ALL, SUPPLIES

CLOTHING AND FOOD ARE ESPECIALLY LACKING

AND SOLDIERS OCCUPIED THE TOP TIER.

THE BLUE DEMONS WERE ORIGINALLY A STRICT, CLASS-BASED SOCIETY...

HELPING THEIR SPIRITS IS AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM.

THAT THEY'VE BEEN ABANDONED.

IT'S LIKE THEY CAN'T ACCEPT THE FACT...

BUT SUDDENLY EVERYONE AT THE TOP CLASS DISAPPEARED...

THEY DON'T HAVE THE DRIVE TO DO ANYTHING AND ARE LOST IN A DAZE.

TO...

STIR...

THEM?

PERHAPS ..

THEY NEED SOMETHING TO STIR THEM.

THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM, HUH?

THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THEIR MINDS BY STIRRING UP THEIR JOBS

BUT ..

IT MAY GREATLY LOWER THE EFFICIENCY, FOR EXAMPLE BY ASSIGNING A MINER TO A FARM AND A FARMER TO A MINE.

A STRICT CASTE SYSTEM GIVES BIRTH TO RIGID THINKING.

BY THE WAY,

HOW ARE THE DEMON QUEEN AND OTHERS DOING ON THE SURFACE?

I SEE..

WE CAN PUSH FORWARD OUR POLICY WITH SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPLIES

FIRST, THE PRIMARY GOAL ON THE SURFACE,

TO SUBDUE THE BLUE DEMONS, HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

IN REGARDS TO THAT, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY

WE'RE LOOKING AT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN UNION, INCLUDING A CEASEFIRE

DURING THE BATTLE...

WE BECAME COBELLIGERENTS...

WE NEED TO BE WARY...

SO SHE HAS SPOKEN

HOWEVER, THE CENTRAL COUNTRIES AND THE HOLY LIGHT CHURCH,

APPEAR TO BE PLANNING A 3RD INVASION OF THE DEMON WORLD

THOSE ARE THE CHURCH AND REGION WITH THE MOST POWER ON THE SURFACE

CENTRAL COUNTRIES?

HOLY LIGHT CHURCH?

ITS POSITION HAS BECOME A FRONT DOOR FOR SHIPS TO THE POLAR CONTINENT

WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY

THEY APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN THE WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY FROM THE BLUE DEMONS AND MADE IT THEIR OWN TERRITORY

THEIR GOAL IS FOR THEIR ENTIRE ARMY TO INVADE...

THE DEMON WORLD.

GATE

THE AMOUNT OF THEIR ARMY IS ABOUT 200,000

BUT I AM SURE THAT IT SHOULBE BE MORE

NOT ALL HUMANS ARE CUT FROM THE SAME STONE.

JUST LIKE WE'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE BLUE DEMONS.

EVEN THE DEMON QUEEN CAN'T PULL IT OFF

SIGNING A CEASEFIRE WITH THE HUMANS...

HUMANS

COME?

ARE ONLY 7...

BUT THEY ALL ARE POWERFUL COUNTRIES.

THE SOUTHERN UNION COUNTRIES..

HER MAJESTY IS DOING WHAT SHE CAN DO GET A CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT.

NO, MUCH MORE

THE NUMBER OF TROOPS ATTACKING THE DEMON WORLD COULD REACH 300,000

IF THIS CEASEFIRE PLAN FALLS THROUGH...

IF THE SOUTHERN UNION SIGNS A CEASEFIRE WITH US...

THEN THE HOLY KEY LEGION WILL BE FORCED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN UNION

ALL REFUSE TO FIGHT, IT'S THE SAME AS STRIKING DOWN 100,000 ENEMIES

IF THE SILVER TIGER DUKE, GATEWAY CLAN CHIEF, DEMON QUEEN, AND FAIRY QUEEN..

ARE YOU CERTAIN IT WILL COME TO WAR?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

STILL.. TWO HUNDRED...

THOU-SAND...

SO IT'S COME TO THIS.

ふぉ…

THE BEAST FANG CLAN ALSO SUFFERED GREATLY FROM THEM.

THE HOLY KEY LEGIONNAIRES ARE BRANDISHING NEW WEAPONS CALLED MUSKETS...

WHICH HAD THE POWER TO ANNIHILATE THE BLUE DEMONS ARMY

LET'S CONTINUE WITH OUR SMALL JOBS WHILE WE STRENGTHEN OUR WATCH AND PREPARE OUR TROOPS

YES

WE MUST PREPARE FOR WAR.

IF ANY OF YOU LEARN ANYTHING NEW...

PLEASE INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY.

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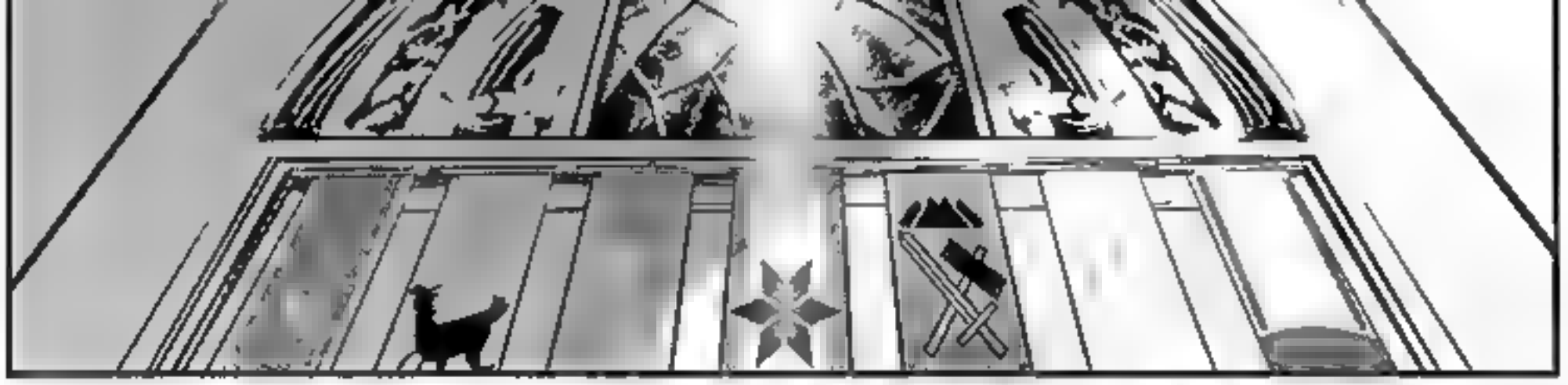
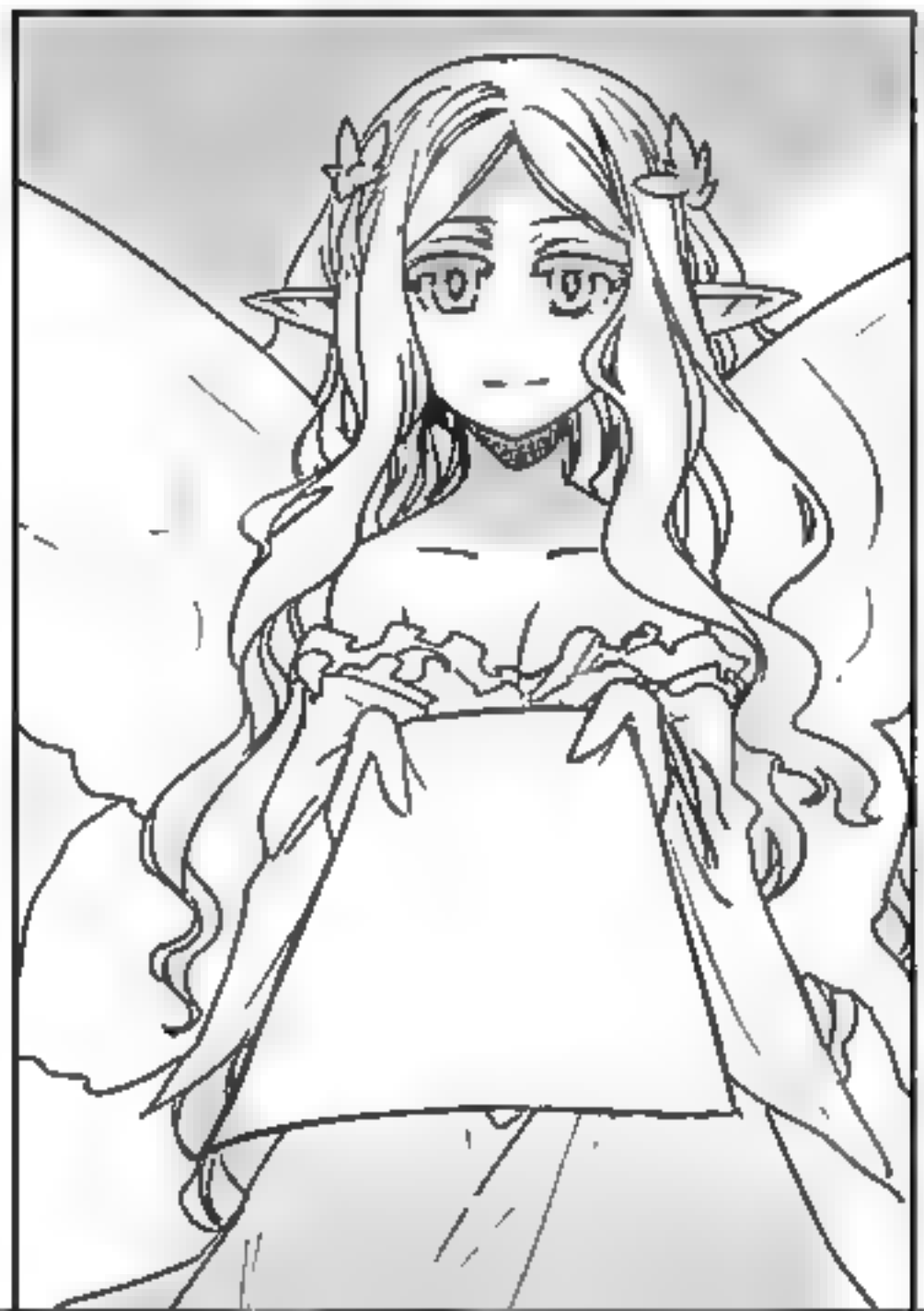




HERE IT IS. A TRUCE

WE'VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A TOTAL PEACE AGREEMENT.

YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH OUR ASSOCIATED NATIONS..

BJT NOT WITH THE CENTRAL

...

THIS TREATY IS WITH THE SOUTHERN UN.ON.

BUT I MUST REMIND YOU...

NOW WE MJST FORMALLY GATHER THE SIGNATJRES...

OF EACH COUNTRY AND CLAN.

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS.

YES

I UNDER-STAND.

BY THE WAY..

WHAT'S THE SITUATION WITH THE IRON COUNTRY'S ALLIANCE ARMY?

I'M GLAD WE CAN DO THIS

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT!

THIS IS A BIG FIRST STEP.

THAT'S FINE WITH US.

WHAT DOES THE UNION THINK?

I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD TAKE THEM BACK TO THE DEMON WORLD, BUT...

NOW THAT THE BLUE DEMONS HAVE FALLEN

WELL THEN...

WE'RE GONNA BE BUSY TOO

WE'VE GOT A MOUNTAIN OF THINGS TO DO.

ROGER!

THEN WE SHALL GO SEND WORDS TO OUR PEOPLE

THANKS TO THIS, THEY NOW HAVE A FOOTHOLD INTO THE POLAR CONTINENT

IT'S NOW UNDER THE CHURCH'S GOVERNANCE

THE CENTRAL HAS TAKEN OVER THE WHITE NIGHT COUNTRY AND DECLARED IT THEIR TERRITORY

AND RECOVER SOMETHING CALLED "THE HOLY RELIC".

ACCORDING TO OUR INTEL, THEY PLAN TO INVADE THE DEMON WORLD.

THE DEMON COUNCIL SET OUR SCHOLARS TO RESEARCH THIS MATTER...

BUT WE HAVE YET TO DISCOVER EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE

I HAVE HEARD OF THEIR PLAN...

BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THIS "HOLY RELIC" IS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY MAY NOT EVEN EXIST...

TO INVADE THE DEMON WORLD, WHICH FROM THE SURFACE WORLD...

LOOKS FJLL OF OPPORTUN T ES

SO THE CENTRAL, WITH THEIR SHEER DESIRE TO EXPAND TERRITORY...

A SAD POSSIB LITY, BJT ST LL POSSIBLE

THEY COULD HAVE JUST FABR.CATED AN EXCJSE..

GATEWAY CITY...

THEY SEEM TO BE TRYING TO INVADE THE "GATEWAY CITY" AS WELL..

IS IN AN IDEAL SUPPLY POSITION.

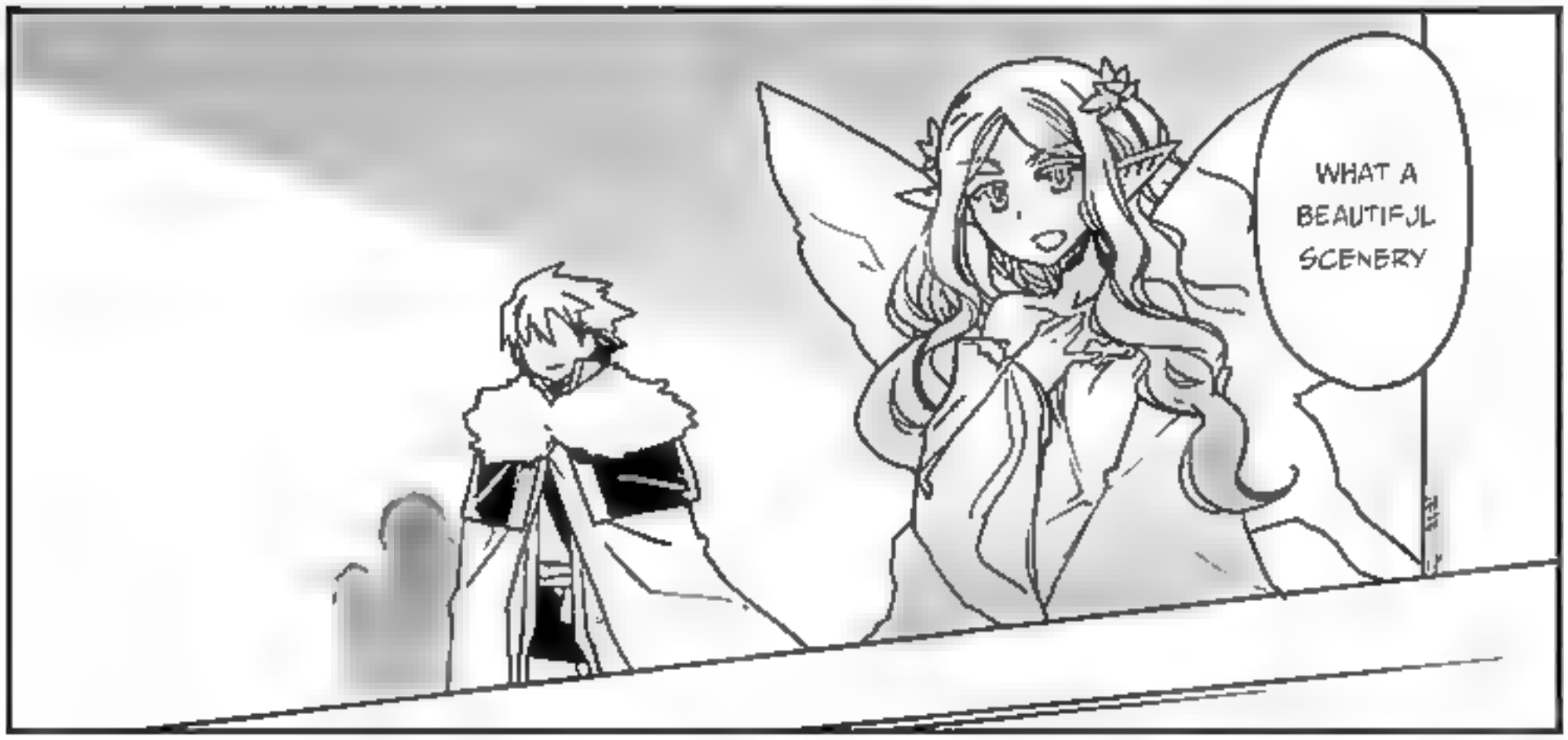
IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO DEMON QUEEN'S CASTLE, THE CITY

BUT THE GATE ..

IS NOW A GIANT HOLE, RIGHT?

BUT WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE ANOTHER GOAL...

WE DON'T KNOW THEIR FULL NTENT ONS.


WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL
SCENERY

AH
THAT'S
AURORA
ISLAND.
IT BELONGED
TO THE DEMONS
BEFORE THE
LAST WAR...

WHAT'S
THAT
ISLAND?

BUT BOTH THE ISLAND AND GATE-WAY CITY

PASSED TO HUMAN HANDS AFTER THE WAR

AROUNDTHAT TIME, THE DIFFERENT DEMON CLANS BEGAN DISTRJSTING EACH OTHER...

WE HAD A LOT OF TROUBLE COOPERATING.

I SINCERELY HOPE WE WON'T HAVE WAR

BJT NOW THE BONDS BETWEEN OUR CLANS ARE STRONGER...

IT'S MUCH DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE

I SEE

NATURALLY, WE WISH TO AVOID WAR AT ALL COSTS

WE FA.R.ES DON'T HAVE LARGE BOD ES..

AND OUR MAGIC ISN'T SUITED FOR COMBAT

IF WE DON'T PREPARE FOR IT, WE CAN'T OBTAIN PEACE

IT'D BE BEST IF WE CAN AVOID T

HOWEVER...

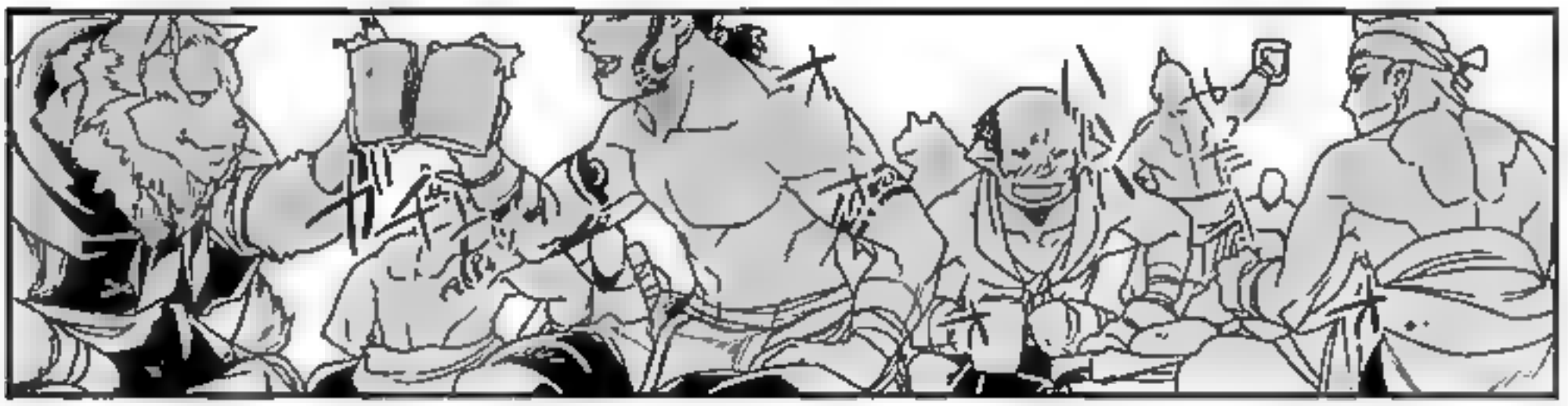
S NCE THE CHURCH AND THE HOLY K NGSLAND CAUSED THIS MUCH TROUBLE WITH OTHER STATES AND NOBLES ..

WE CANNOT GO BACK TO THE WAY THINGS WERE WITHOUT FIGHTING

PLEASE GIVE MY BEST REGARDS...

TO THE GREAT CLANS COUNCIL, AND TO THE DEMON KING WHO RULES OVER YOUR WORLD

I WILL



EVERYONE'S SO HAPPY

YEAH... IT'S A FULL CELEBRATION!

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GOOD JOB MISTER MERCHANT

WE DID T

WE'VE FINISHED THE FIRST STONE BRIDGE OF OUR ORIGINAL PLAN..

SOON, PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO PASS THE GATE SAFELY...

THE LIFT FOR LUGGAGE IS ALMOST COMPLETE...

IT'S POSSIBLE TO "DROP" IT QUICKLY, EFFICIENTLY, AND SAFELY.

WELL.. THAT'S..

SOMEHOW, IT FEELS GREAT, RIGHT?

SUCH A MAGNIFICENT JOB

THIS BRIDGE WILL STAND THROUGH ALL OF HISTORY

BUT BEFORE THAT...

I ALSO WANT AN ADDITIONAL PLAN.

A MARVELOUS STONE HIGHWAY THROUGH THE GREAT HOLE..

COULD YOU MEAN...

THE CASTLE WALL?

THAT CITY, BEING CLOSE TO THE HOLE, IS NOW EVEN CLOSER TO THE WAR.

NOW THAT THE SURFACE AND UNDER-WORLD ARE CONNECTED...

GATEWAY CITY

GATE

WHEN I FIRST VISITED GATEWAY CITY...

I COULD TELL IT HAD BEEN THROUGH WAR FROM FIRST LOOK.

I'LL TAKE THE JOB.

THIS REQUEST ISN'T FROM THE "UNION"

I PROBABLY CAN'T PAY ,N FJLL...

I HAVE TO MEET ..

EVERYONE WHO CROSSES THIS BRIDGE ON THEIR WAY HOME

YUP

ARE YOU SURE?

YOU DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE...

NOW, ABOUT THE WALL...

PERHAPS THIS JOB IS A SUITABLE WAY TO SEE THE FRUIT OF WHAT I'VE LEARNED FROM MASTER...

EVEN WHEN THE BRIDGE IS COMPLETE, I NEED A PLACE TO WAIT FOR HER.

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GA HA HA

WHAT A LIVELY LITTLE SPRITE!

HEY!

DON'T BOTHER HIM LIKE THAT.

MISTER BEAR'S BEARD IS SO FLUFFY!

PARDON MY INTRJSION.

YOU'RE ST.LL NOT BORE OF THIS, HUH?

OH.

YOU'VE COME AGA.N.

IS TRJLY EXHILARATING.

TO HEAR OF SUCH A WORLD I'VE NEVER SEEN...

OF LISTENING TO THE TALES OF THE DEMONS AND THEIR WORLD

I'VE YET TO TIRE...

YO-HO♪

THIS IS A GIRL I CONSIDER AS MY L TTLE SISTER.

HM?

THIS LITTLE GIRL IS...?

PRESENTS?

I BROUGHT PRESENTS FOR YOU ALL!

We met before right?

We sure did!

What?

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EVERYONE, DIG IN!

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Such racket!

YUM!

Delicious!

This's so freaking good!

SCARF!

GULP!

DID YOU BRING THIS?

HERE, HAVE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE!

MY SISTER CERTAINLY IS SPECIAL.

FOR A LITTLE GIRL.

SHE'S CERTAINLY GOT NERVE..

NOW THAT THE FIGHT'S OVER, WE'VE NO REASON TO STAY.

WE DEPART IN 2 DAYS, ONCE OUR RECON UNIT REJOINS US.

I HEARD YOU WILL DEPART SOON.

I SEE..

IN THAT CASE, YOU MUST HAVE A DRINK WITH ME.

YOU CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT DOING SO.

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THIS IS A STRONG BREW FROM THE IRON KINGDOM

HUMAN WORLD LIQUOR ISN'T TOO BAD, YOU KNOW.

THIS LAND, HUH?

IT'S NOT AN ELEGANT BEAUTY, BUT IT IS A DRINK FROM THIS LAND.

I HEARD THERE IS NO MOON IN THE DEMON WORLD.

AH...

UNFOR-TUNATELY NO.

BUT THIS "MOON" MAKES A GOOD LIQUOR S DE-DISH AS WELL.

THE EMERALD SUN THAT LIGHTS OUR NIGHTS IS DIFFERENT...

TI'' TI''

THERE'S NOT MANY THING AS SWEET AS SHARING A DRINK WITH A FELLOW WARRIOR FROM A DISTANT LAND.

TONIGHT, LET'S DRINK UNTIL THE MOON SINKS.

SO?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR ARMY?

SIRE, THE BLJE ASH KING HAS COME

GOOD

NOT BAD AT ALL.

BLUE ASH KING

OH?

THEY INTEREST ME.

COWARDLY AND SELFISH.

TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, FARMERS ON THE BATTLE-FIELD...

ARE STILL FARMERS.

THIS LAST BATTLE BROUGHT THAT WEAK POINT TO LIGHT.

THE WAR FOUGHT BY THE NOBLES' ARMIES UP UNTIL NOW...

HAS BEEN TOO RESTRICTED BY THE NOTION OF THE NOBLES' ARMIES BEING ONE UNIT

UNLIKE THE NOBLES' PRIVATE ARMIES, THEY'RE BLINDLY OBEDIENT

HOWEVER...

THERE'S ONE INTERESTING THING ABOUT THEM.

THEY'RE CURRENTLY THE GREATEST POWER.

BUT...

I FEEL LIKE THEY'VE MANY SHORTCOMINGS.

WHAT OF THE MUSKETS?

IT IS ALSO BEST TO FOCUS ATTACK POWER AT A SINGLE MOMENT.

AND OVER A LONG BATTLE...

IT'S USUALLY BEST TO FOCUS ATTACK POWER ON A SINGLE POINT...

IN A WIDE BATTLE-FIELD...

BUT YOUR MUSKETEERS HAVE DONE NEITHER.

OF THE CURRENT PROB-LEMS...

FIRST, CONCEN-TRATION OF ATTACK POWER.

AND HAVE MUSKETEERS CO-OPERATE WITH SPEARMEN.

FOR THIS, I SUGGEST TO REFORM THE FORMATION...

IN THE TIME IT TAKES TO RELOAD, THEY'RE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE.

THE NEXT PROBLEM IS DEFENSIVE POWER.

YOUR MUSKETS FIRE ONCE, AND THEN THEY'RE DONE.

WHILE THE NOBLES AND KNIGHTS MAKE LIGHT OF THE PEASANTS.

HOLD THE PRETENSE THAT THEY'RE THE BACKBONE OF THE ARMY..

MUSKETEERS AMONG THE PEASANTS SOLDIERS...

THE ASSUMED FRICTION BETWEEN THE NOBLE SOLDIERS AND THE PEASANT SOLDIERS...

ANY-THING ELSE?

I SEE.

YOU NEED TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR MILITARY DISCIPLINE.

THE COMMANDERS WERE ABLE TO GET A HANDLE ON THE MUSKETS' RANGE AND ATTACK TIMING IN THIS LAST BATTLE...

IN THE NEXT, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO CONFIRM IT FURTHER.

I'VE SEEN THE TRUE "HERO", A LONG TIME AGO

HE WAS... INHUMAN

PLEASE DON'T TEASE ME.

AS EXPECTED OF THE MIST KINGDOM YOUNG WARRIOR KING...

I BELIEVE YOU'RE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS THE "HERO"

WHERE IS HE NOW?

WELL THAT'S. WHO KNOWS_?

DEMON QUEEN, SALT PLEASE

HERE

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BOILED POTA-TOES.

AND THE DAY BEFORE ..?

BOILED POTA-TOES.

AND YESTER-DAY?

BOILED POTA-TOES.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER TODAY?

HM?

HEY, HERO

AND THE LITTLE SISTER MAID IS STUDYING COOKING IN THE IRON COUNTRY.

HEAD MAID HAD TO GO TO GATEWAY CITY ON AN EMERGENCY VISIT

WELL WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?!

WHY DO WE HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THIS!?

THE DEMON WORLD IS DOOMED.

I CAN'T EAT IT ANYMORE, HERO...

I GIVE UP...

NO!!

AND SO, 3000 YEARS PASSED...

AND SO, 3000 YEARS PASSED...

sigh

NO CHOICE, THEN..

I'M THE DEMON QUEEN!

Yummy or not, can't eat it every day

But we're yummy

THIS DOESN'T GIVE ANY ENERGY TO MY BODY OR MY BRAIN!

GATEWAY CITY

And 4 plates of your best dish

YO!

2 COLD ALES, PLEASE

WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE BLACK KNIGHT!

IT'S MY FIRST TIME TO SEE SUCH LIVELINESS...

AND FUN.

WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU SEEM DISTRACTED

THAT BEAST FANG OVER THERE CAME FROM THE FOREST TO SELL FJR.

HE'S ALMOST AT THE AGE WHERE HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

LOTS OF THINGS

LOOK.

AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR MARRIAGE

HE CAN TAKE HIS PROFITS AND RETURN TO HIS VILLAGE AS A FULL ADULT...

HE LOOKS HAPPY.

HE PROBABLY WAS ABLE TO GET A GOOD PRICE.

THANK YOU FOR WAITING!

OH YEAH?

MY FIRST TIME TO SEE

THIS IS...

I LEARNED ABOUT THAT BEAST FANG RITUAL, BUT ONLY THROUGH STUDY

Oh my

Not what I imagined of the legendary Hero

IT'S AMAZ.NG...

I FEEL LIKE MY HEART IS OVERFLOW-.NG WITH EMOTION.

WELL, THIS IS A BAR AFTERALL.

THE R FACES ARE RED AND THEY'RE BURN.NG WITH LAUGHTER.

EVERYONE LOOKS SO HAPPY.

IT WAS...

REALLY GOOD

BLACK KNIGHT, MISS CUSTOMER.

HOW'D YOU LIKE OUR FOOD?

Please say it's GOOd

THANK YOU

THIS IS THE BLACK KNIGHT, WHO SERVES UNDER THE DIRECT COMMAND OF THE DEMON QUEEN!

HE BRINGS HONOR TO OUR HUMBLE ESTABLISHMENT!

GET OUR BEST WINE!

POUR THESE 2 A GLASS EACH!

YES SIR!

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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE DEMON QUEEN!

WE WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR BUSINESS THANKS TO HER!

I HEARD SHE FELL AT THE KURULTAI!

IS THE DEMON QUEEN ALRIGHT??

WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

THE BLACK KNIGHT!?

ALRIGHT THEN.

EH...

UM...

UH...

I AM DEMON QUEEN'S PERSONAL KNIGHT

THE SWORD OF THE DEMON WORLD, THE BLACK KNIGHT!

LISTEN UP, GENTLEMEN!

IT'S TRUE HER MAJESTY FELL AFTER AN ARROW PIERCED HER BREAST...

BUT DON'T WORRY!

HER WOUND WAS HEALED!!

AND EVEN NOW SHE IS IN HER CASTLE, DEVOTING HERSELF TO THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE DEMON WORLD!!

JUST LOOK AT THIS CITY, UNDER THE GOVERNANCE OF THE DEMON QUEEN!

HUMANS AND DEMONS AND DRINKING TOGETHER, GETTING ALONG WITHOUT FIGHTING!!

EVERYONE, RAISE YOUR GLASS!

FIRST ROUND'S ON ME!

OK!

BARTENDER!

GIVE EVERYONE THEIR FAVORITE DRINK!

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THINKING OF THE PEOPLE, NO ONE CAN COMPARE!

SO DRINK TO DEMON QUEEN'S CONTINUED SUCCESS!

CHEERS TO THE DEMON QUEEN!

SHE MIGHT BE WEAK AT FIGHTING...

CHEERS!

ETERNAL PEACE FOR THE LAND!

WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE HER!

HUZZAH FOR THE QUEEN!

CHEERS!

TO THE DEMON QUEEN!

CHEERS!

IF I LET IT OUT, IT'S OVER...

I CAN'T BREAK YOUR IMAGE OF ME AS A PROPER AND REFINED MAIDEN...

Wow Really?

YOU OK?

YOU CAN JUST LET IT OUT.

NO..

THAT'S A NICE BREEZE...

YEAH...

WE REALLY CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE AFTER ALL

BUT IF YOU DO THAT FAR...

THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES WILL ONLY RISE.

IN ORDER TO MAKE AMENDS...

I NEED TO PROVIDE A MORE POWERFUL WEAPON TO THE SOUTHERN UNION.

ALLOWING THE ENEMY TO OBTAIN MUSKETS WAS MY FAULT

I WANT TO REFRAME OUR PLAN.

NO MATTER WHAT...

NO MATTER WHAT NICE SPEECHES YOU MAKE ON MY BEHALF...

I'M STILL THE ONE WHO WAS LEAST PREPARED

BUT BECAUSE I HESITATED..

ON WHETHER THE USE OF GUNPOWDER WOULD BE GOOD OR BAD..

I ALLOWED THE ENEMY TO SEIZE THE MOMENT AND MASS-PRODUCE MUSKET.

EVEN IF I TELL MYSELF OTHER-WISE...

AFTER ALL, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON MY OWN.

I SHOULD HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH FEMALE KNIGHT FIRST

IF I'D RECEIVED CONSULTATION ON THE MUSKETS..

WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DEATHS

I'VE DECIDED

I'M NO LONGER GOING TO RUN FROM THIS.

yawn

TIME TO GO HOME AND START FIX NG THIS

YEAH.

SOMEDAY WE CAN SEE WHAT'S BEYOND THAT HILL.

YOU'LL ALSO HELP, RIGHT HERO?

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

CENTRAL ARMY TROOPS ARE HEADED THIS WAY!

AND THEY HAVE MUSKETS!

OI!

BAD NEWS!

huff

huff

BUT MR. NOBLE ENTRUSTED US WITH "THOSE"..

THAT'S BAD! WE SHOULD SPLIT!

I'D SAY.. ABOUT 1 OR 2 DAYS

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR THEM TO GET HERE?

THEY'RE CALLED SALTPETER.

BUT THEY'RE JUST ROCKS!

SO THEN LET'S GET THEM OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE ENEMY COMES!

THEY HAVE SOME SECRET CONNECTION TO THE ENEMY'S FIRE-SPITTING STICKS..

THAT'S WHY MR. NOBLE WANTS TO HIDE THEM.

WHO'S THERE?

MR. NOBLE!

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IT'S YOU

YO.

GOOD JOB GUARDING.

A TOUGH SITUATION..

SO...

WE CAN'T CARRY THIS STUFF AND ESCAPE FAST ENOUGH!

WHAT DO WE DO?

THE CENTRAL ARMY'S CAUGHT OUR SCENT!

?

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

SECOND?

AH

IT'S A BIT OF A PROBLEM FOR YOU GUYS TO NOT HAVE A COMMANDER...

SECOND -?

?

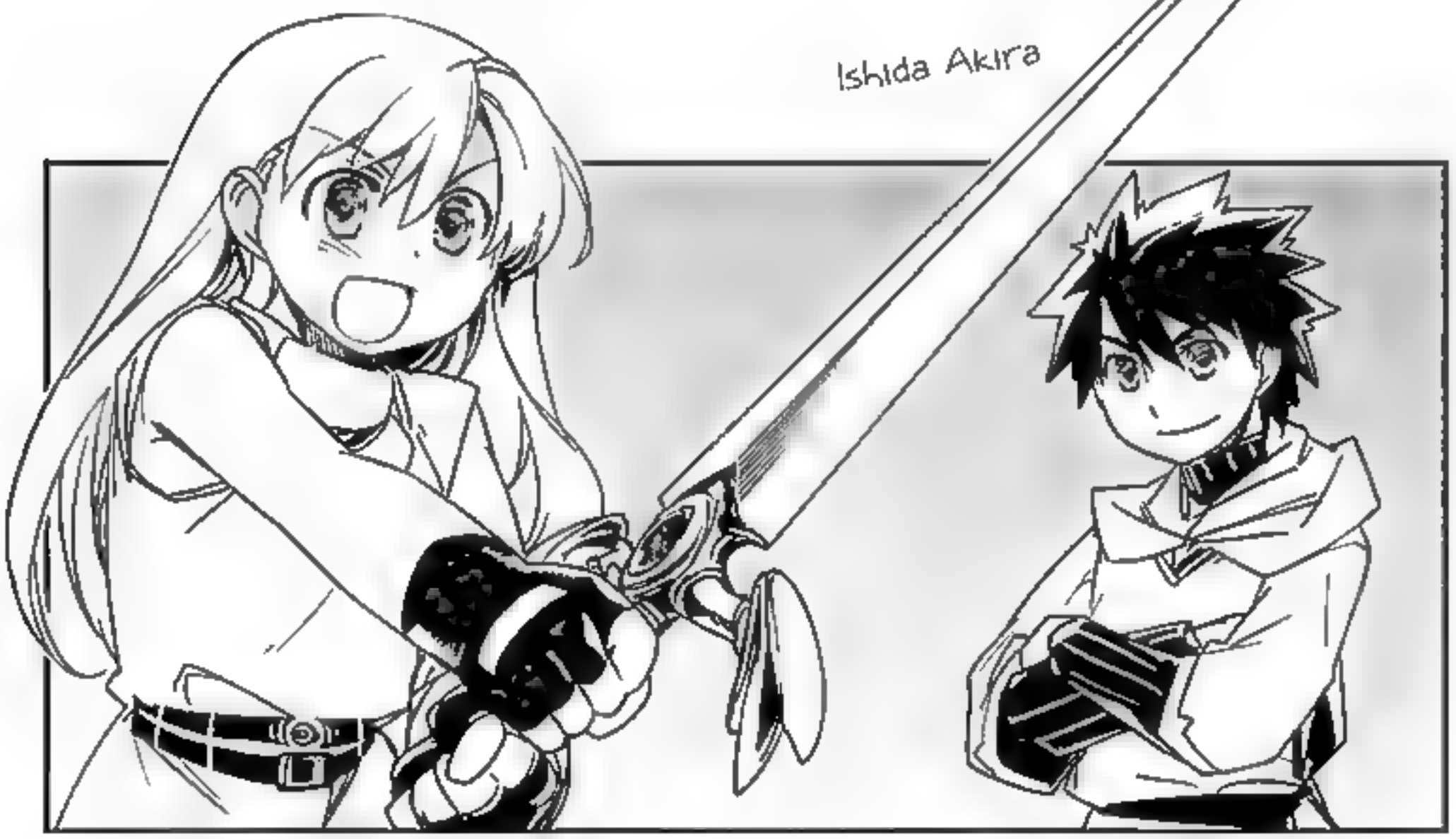
SO I BROUGHT ONE

End Chapter 4

Level Hero!

This is what "Maoyuu" 's artist, which is me, Akira, draw 15 years ago.
Without thinking of a story, I spontaneously thought up the title during a conference call. The Demon King and Hero ended up with different genders in "Maoyuu"
Even back then, I always liked the idea of the Demon King and Hero

Ishida Akira



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LEVEL HERO!

PRESENTED BY
Ishida Akira

石田あきら

HONESTLY
ALL MOM EVER TALKS ABOUT IS "LEVEL THIS" AND "LEVEL THAT"
TEE HEE
WELL, YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT IT TOO.
WHAT, ESA?
LYNN EFFORD (AGE 11)
HERO LEVEL: 8
HP: 57 MP: 22

IT GETS STUCK IN MY HEAD.

IT'S ALL I EVER HEAR ABOUT AT HOME

You level up yet?

Quit rushing me

BUT WE NEED HIGH LEVELS TO BE RESPECTED BY EVERYONE

AND YOU'RE HERO, SO EVERYONE EXPECTS A LOT FROM YOU.

ESA LAW (AGE 11)
PRIESTESS LEVEL: 9
HP: 31 MP: 35

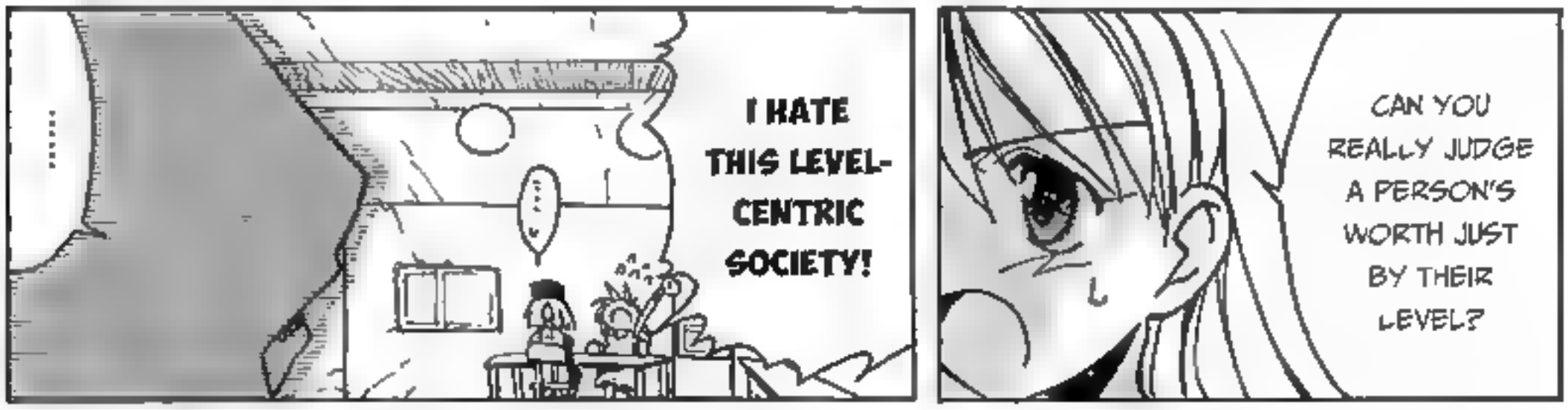
I GUESS SO...

BUT STILL...

ALL WE EVER DO TO LEVEL UP...

IS WANDER AROUND AND DEFEAT RANDOM ENEMIES! IT'S IRRITATING!!

Who are you talking to?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I HATE THIS LEVEL-CENTRIC SOCIETY!
CAN YOU REALLY JUDGE A PERSON'S WORTH JUST BY THEIR LEVEL?

THERE IS!
THAT KIND OF TALK...
LYNN-CHAN.
I wonder if there's a place we can rack up EXP points quickly...
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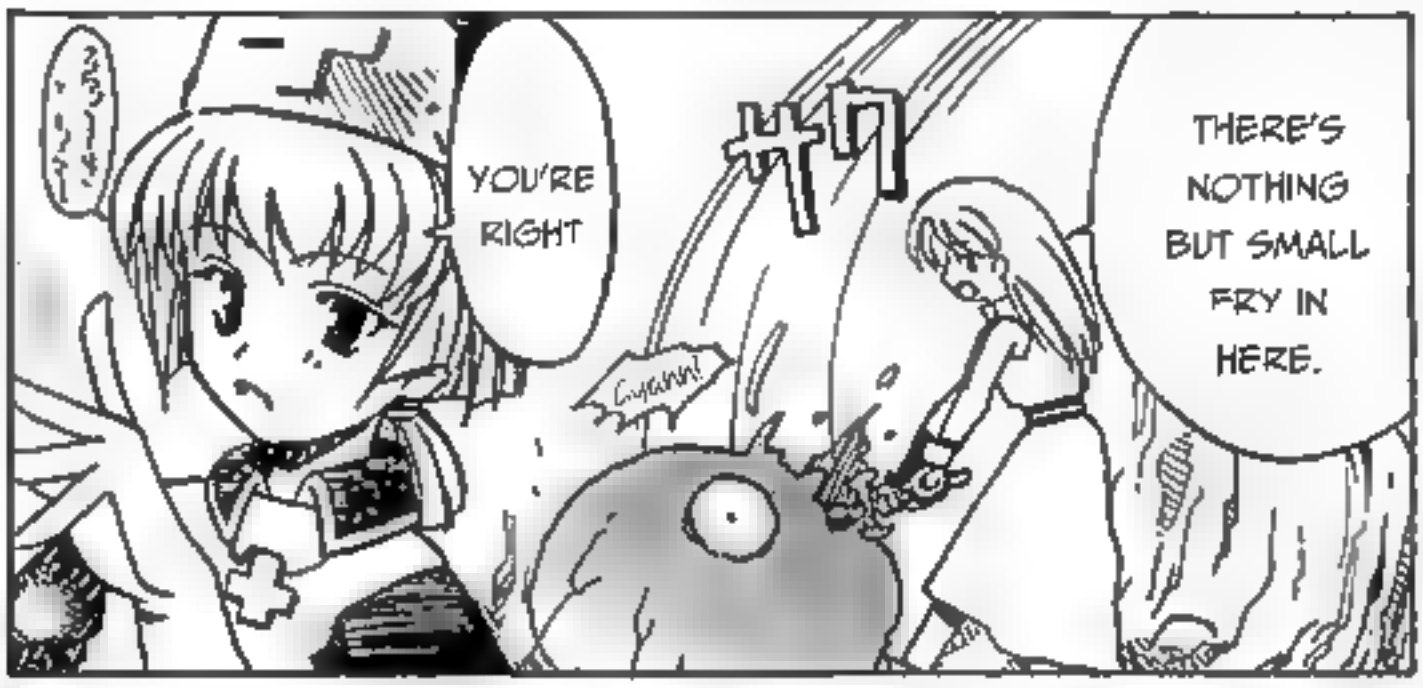
SO? WANNA TRY IT?
I'VE HEARD OF A DUNGEON NEARBY THAT'S FULL OF MONSTERS THAT ARE WEAK, BUT GIVE A LOT OF EXP
AND WELL...
WE CAME HERE
Really th
whom


YOU'RE RIGHT
Gyaahh!
THERE'S NOTHING BUT SMALL FRY IN HERE.

BUT I HAVE TO SAY..

wanna! wanna
BUT I WANNA POWER UP LIKE BOOM!

Oh, thanks
you're injured.
I GUESS SO.
DON'T YOU THINK THIS DUNGEON FITS OUR SKILLS?

I'll kill him!
NOW NOW
THAT CLOAKED BASTARD LIED TO US!

YAAA HOO!!

A THREATENING DOOR..
HM?

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING GOOD BEHIND IT!

WELL, LET'S GO FURTHER

WELCOME. I AM DEMON KING GOHM, MASTER OF THIS DUNGEON

WELL WELL. SUCH CUTE GUESTS.

DIE!!!

NOW, IT'S TIME FOR YOUR PUNISH-MENT.

TOO BAD FOR YOU.

DEMON KING.. THE LAST BOSS!?

ESA, PREPARE A HEALING SPELL

SEEMS LIKE THE REAL LAST BOSS WOULD REALLY BE HERE...

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO... LEVEL UP...

NO GOOD... WE CAN'T WIN...

HOLD IT.

DIE!!

END OF THE LINE...

DIE, YOU PHONY DEMON KING!!

THANKS FOR CLEARING OUT THE SMALL FRY, GIRL!

IMPOS-SIBLE...

YOU...!

YOU'RE NOT NEARLY SKILLED ENOUGH TO TAKE MY TITLE YET!

THE CLOAKED BASTARD... IS THE DEMON KING?

THE REAL ONE?

DEATH (AGE 10)
DEMON KING LEVEL: 12
HP: 3021 MP: 211

YOUR LEVEL'S TOO LOW FOR A GOOD FIGHT

YOU STILL WANT TO?

YOU'RE THE HERO, RIGHT?

I CAN FIGHT NOW IF YOU WANT...

LEVEL UP A LOT BY THEN!

THEN LET'S MEET AGAIN AT THE LAST BATTLE!!

SEE? ♪

LYNN LEVELED UP!

HMPH! I ALREADY LEVELED UP TODAY!

WHAT? WE DIDN'T TECHNICALLY LOSE!

TEE HEE

LEVEL HERO! END

MAOYUU MAOU YUUSHA

"BECOME MINE, HERO" - "I REFUSE!"

Archenemy and Hero

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